

02 7. (Amended) An antibiotic composition as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a tablet, a capsule, a suspension, an elixir, a syrup or an injectable.

03 9. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 1 containing a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative of Erythromycin B and where said derivative is a 2'-ester of Erythromycin B or of Erythromycin Benol ether.

12. (Amended) An ester as claimed in claim 11 which is a succinate ester.

04 13. (Amended) An antibiotic composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an ester as claimed in claim 10.

05 17. (Amended) The use as claimed in claim 14 in which the microbial infection is TB, Syphilis, Helicobacter pylori, or Chlamydia.

Add the following new claim.

06 18. (New) The method as claimed in claim 15 in which the microbial infection is TB, Syphilis, Helicobacter pylori, or Chlamydia.